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SUBJ: KHMER ISLAMIC MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST

REF : (A) JAKARTA 9697; (B) PHNOM PENH 10444

1. EMBASSY HAS OBSERVED WITH INTEREST AND SYMPATHY GKR EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE KHMER MUSLIM DELEGATION TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. WE HAVE DEBATED WITHIN THE EMBASSY WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO ASSIST THESE EFFORTS. WE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE.

3. AN APPROACH TO THE SAUDIS WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING. IF THE KHMER DELEGATION IS GOING TO SUCCEED WITH THE SAUDIS IT SHOULD TRY TO DO SO MAINLY ON ITS OWN. OUR INTERVENTION MIGHT FACILITATE ENTRY OF A DELEGATION INTO SAUDI ARABIA BUT THEREAFTER THE SAG WOULD TEND
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TO WASH ITS HANDS OF THE GROUP, REGARDING IT AS OUR

PROBLEM. THEY WOULD SEE IT AS ONE MORE INSTANCE IN WHICH THEY HAVE "DONE US A FAVOR", AND IT WOULD BECOME HARDER FOR THE GKR TO MERGE ITS CAUSE WITH THE SAG'S OWN EFFORT TO STEM THE SPREAD OF GODLESS COMMUNISM.

4. NEEDLESS TO SAY, MOREOVER, OUR MUSLIM CREDENTIALS ARE NOT SUCH AS TO GREATLY ASSIST THE GROUP IN CONTACTS WITH MUSLEM RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

5. WE CAN HELP THE GROUP MAKE CONTACTS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE IN JIDDA, SHOULD IT REQUIRE THEIR ASSISTANCE. THE VIETNAMESE, NATIONALIST CHINESE, AND KOREAN AMBASSADORS SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE. WE ALSO HAPPY CONSULT WITH DELEGATION RE TACTICS AND HELP WITH COMMUNICATIONS. IN A LOW KEY, WE COULD EVEN PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR GKR, BUT AS MENTIONED EARLIER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR GKR TO OPERATE OUTSIDE OF OUR SHADOW.
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